



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2638"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/942,567 :  
FILED: AUGUST 31, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2638  
FOR: OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION :  
NETWORK SYSTEM THAT  
PERFORMS SYSTEM  
SWITCHING ONLY WHEN  
TOTAL OPERATION  
CONDITION IS IMPROVED

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.